

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A composition comprising an effective amount of an active ingredient to treat dentinal hypersensitivity and a suitable excipient, wherein said active ingredient is a compound selected from the group consisting of *Rheum genus* and *Spinacia oleracea L.*, and said composition is in the form of paste, gel, mouthwash, spray solution, sweets, chewing gum, solution or powder.

2. (currently amended) The composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the plant compounds are in the form of liquid, soft or dry extracts.

3. (currently amended) The composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the plant compounds are obtained by hydroalcoholic extraction from rhubarb roots.

4. (currently amended) The composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the plant compounds are obtained by hydroalcoholic extraction from *Spinacia oleracea L.* leaves.

5. (cancelled)

6. (currently amended) A method for treating dentinal hypersensitivity in a patient, comprising administering an effective amount of an active ingredient to said patient, wherein

said active ingredient comprises an extract having at least one compound selected from the group consisting of ~~(Rheum genus)~~ Rheum genus and Spinacia oleracea L. compounds.

7-9. (cancelled)

10. (currently amended) A composition comprising an excipient and an extract of Rheum genus and Spinacia oleracea L. compounds and wherein said compounds are obtained by hydroalcoholic extraction from rhubarb roots and Spinacia oleracea L. leaves, and wherein said compounds are present in an effective amount to treat dentinal hypersensitivity.

11. (new) The composition as claimed in claim 10, wherein the compounds are in the form of liquid, soft or dry extracts.

12. (new) The composition as claimed in claim 10, wherein the compounds are obtained by hydroalcoholic extraction from rhubarb roots.

13. (new) The composition as claimed in claim 10, wherein the compounds are obtained by hydroalcoholic extraction from Spinacia oleracea L. leaves.

14. (new) The composition as claimed in claim 10 in the form of paste, gel, mouthwash, spray solution, sweets, chewing gum, solution or powder.

15. (new) The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the compounds are in the form of a liquid, soft or dry extracts.

16. (new) The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the compounds are obtained by hydroalcoholic extraction from rhubarb roots.

17. (new) The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the compounds are obtained by hydroalcoholic extraction from *Spinacia oleracea L.* leaves.

18. (new) The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the active ingredient is administered in the form of paste, gel, mouthwash, spray solution, sweets, chewing gum, solution or powder.

19. (new) The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the active ingredient is administered in the form of paste, gel, mouthwash, spray solution, sweets, chewing gum, solution or powder, and wherein the active ingredient is present in an amount of 0.5 to 50% by weight.

20. (new) The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the active ingredients comprise *Rheum genus* and *Spinacia oleracea L.*